

## **Budget Committee Report**

The Budget Committee has been active with good participation in three meetings over the past six weeks. Discussions have focused on both the Village's overall financial position and outlook and the specifics of the 2012 draft budget which Ms. Davis-Cook completed and provided to the Committee several weeks ago. The Committee is currently preparing its analysis of our financial position and budgetary outlook and will be providing this to the Board as input for the Work Session on the budget, which we understand is to be scheduled shortly.

The Committee believes that in aggregate 2012 revenues are likely to come in several hundred thousand above the levels budgeted for 2011 and that Village operating expenses will be somewhat lower. The settlement of the Euwer case removes one of the major uncertainties which has complicated budget planning over the past two years as well as relieving the Village of a major cost burden. And, though income tax revenues have been disappointing, Safe Speed revenues are running well ahead of their 2011 budgeted levels and should be adequate to permit the Village to cover all program costs and then some in the coming year as well. In sum, the Committee is cautiously optimistic that the Village is progressing satisfactorily on the path back to financial equilibrium, recognizing that the many uncertainties and determinations which the Board will be reviewing in more detail over the coming two months.

Many of the materials being delivered to the Board for this purpose will be posted, along with the Manager's FY '12 budget draft, on the Village website in advance of the Board's work session.

We understand that the work session will be followed by a public hearing on the budget that the Board will schedule for its next meeting on March 14.

Submitted by Samuel Lawrence, Chair, Chevy Chase Village Budget Committee